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KING EDWARD III.

AND THE FIRST FOUNDERS OF THE MOST NOBLE

Order of the Garter

In the Twenty-third Year of his Reign, 1348.

THE SOVEREIGN.

HENRY DUKE OF LANCASTER.

PIERS CAPITOW DE LA BOUCH.

WILLIAM EARL OF SALISBURY.

SIR JOHN LISLE.

SIR JOHN BEAUCHAMPE.

SIR HUGH COURTENAY.

SIR JOHN GREY.

SIR MILES STAPLETON.

SIR HUGH WROTTESELEY.

SIR JOHN CHANDOS.

SIR OTES HOLLAND.

SIR SANCHET DABRICHCOURT.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

THOMAS EARL OF WARWICK.

RALPH EARL OF STAFFORD.

ROGER EARL OF MARCH.

SIR BARTHOLOMEW BURGHERSH.

SIR JOHN MOHUN.

SIR THOMAS HOLLAND.

SIR RICHARD FITZ SIMON.

SIR THOMAS WALE.

SIR NEAL LORINGE.

SIR JAMES AUDELEY.

SIR HENRY EAM.

SIR WALTER PAVELEY.

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KING EDWARD III.

AND THE FIRST RECORDS OF THE MOST NABLE

Object of the Treaty		As the Treaty was made in the year 1346	
BY THE KING	BY THE QUEEN	BY THE KING	BY THE QUEEN
THE SOVEREIGN	THE SOVEREIGN	THE SOVEREIGN	THE SOVEREIGN
HENRY DUC DE LANCASTER	HENRY DUC DE LANCASTER	HENRY DUC DE LANCASTER	HENRY DUC DE LANCASTER
PIERS CAPTOW DE LA BOUCH	PIERS CAPTOW DE LA BOUCH	PIERS CAPTOW DE LA BOUCH	PIERS CAPTOW DE LA BOUCH
WILLIAM EARL OF SALISBURY	WILLIAM EARL OF SALISBURY	WILLIAM EARL OF SALISBURY	WILLIAM EARL OF SALISBURY
SIR JOHN KESLE	SIR JOHN KESLE	SIR JOHN KESLE	SIR JOHN KESLE
SIR JOHN BRACHAMPE	SIR JOHN BRACHAMPE	SIR JOHN BRACHAMPE	SIR JOHN BRACHAMPE
SIR JOHN COURTNEY	SIR JOHN COURTNEY	SIR JOHN COURTNEY	SIR JOHN COURTNEY
SIR JOHN GREY	SIR JOHN GREY	SIR JOHN GREY	SIR JOHN GREY
SIR THOMAS STAPLETON	SIR THOMAS STAPLETON	SIR THOMAS STAPLETON	SIR THOMAS STAPLETON
SIR JOHN WROTHESLEY	SIR JOHN WROTHESLEY	SIR JOHN WROTHESLEY	SIR JOHN WROTHESLEY
SIR JOHN CHANDOS	SIR JOHN CHANDOS	SIR JOHN CHANDOS	SIR JOHN CHANDOS
SIR OTTO HOLLAND	SIR OTTO HOLLAND	SIR OTTO HOLLAND	SIR OTTO HOLLAND
SIR RICHARD DARRICHGOUT	SIR RICHARD DARRICHGOUT	SIR RICHARD DARRICHGOUT	SIR RICHARD DARRICHGOUT
EARL OF CHESTER	EARL OF CHESTER	EARL OF CHESTER	EARL OF CHESTER
MARQUESS OF HERTFORD	MARQUESS OF HERTFORD	MARQUESS OF HERTFORD	MARQUESS OF HERTFORD
MARQUESS WILLESLEY	MARQUESS WILLESLEY	MARQUESS WILLESLEY	MARQUESS WILLESLEY
DUKE OF MONTROSE	DUKE OF MONTROSE	DUKE OF MONTROSE	DUKE OF MONTROSE
DUKE OF NEWCASTLE	DUKE OF NEWCASTLE	DUKE OF NEWCASTLE	DUKE OF NEWCASTLE
EARL OF LIVERPOOL	EARL OF LIVERPOOL	EARL OF LIVERPOOL	EARL OF LIVERPOOL
DUKE OF RICHMOND	DUKE OF RICHMOND	DUKE OF RICHMOND	DUKE OF RICHMOND
EARL OF LONDAL	EARL OF LONDAL	EARL OF LONDAL	EARL OF LONDAL
MARQUESS OF STAFFORD	MARQUESS OF STAFFORD	MARQUESS OF STAFFORD	MARQUESS OF STAFFORD
SIR WALTER BAVERT	SIR WALTER BAVERT	SIR WALTER BAVERT	SIR WALTER BAVERT
SIR HENRY EAM	SIR HENRY EAM	SIR HENRY EAM	SIR HENRY EAM
SIR JAMES ANDREWS	SIR JAMES ANDREWS	SIR JAMES ANDREWS	SIR JAMES ANDREWS
SIR KEAL LORING	SIR KEAL LORING	SIR KEAL LORING	SIR KEAL LORING
SIR THOMAS WALE	SIR THOMAS WALE	SIR THOMAS WALE	SIR THOMAS WALE
SIR RICHARD FITZ SIMON	SIR RICHARD FITZ SIMON	SIR RICHARD FITZ SIMON	SIR RICHARD FITZ SIMON
SIR THOMAS BOLLEIN	SIR THOMAS BOLLEIN	SIR THOMAS BOLLEIN	SIR THOMAS BOLLEIN
SIR JOHN MOHR	SIR JOHN MOHR	SIR JOHN MOHR	SIR JOHN MOHR
SIR HATHOROW BOLLEIN	SIR HATHOROW BOLLEIN	SIR HATHOROW BOLLEIN	SIR HATHOROW BOLLEIN
ROGER LEAN OF HATHOROW	ROGER LEAN OF HATHOROW	ROGER LEAN OF HATHOROW	ROGER LEAN OF HATHOROW
RALPH EARL OF STAFFORD	RALPH EARL OF STAFFORD	RALPH EARL OF STAFFORD	RALPH EARL OF STAFFORD
THOMAS EARL OF WARWICK	THOMAS EARL OF WARWICK	THOMAS EARL OF WARWICK	THOMAS EARL OF WARWICK
THE PRINCE OF WALES	THE PRINCE OF WALES	THE PRINCE OF WALES	THE PRINCE OF WALES
EMPEROR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS	EMPEROR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS	EMPEROR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS	EMPEROR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS

SCHEME OF THE STALLS,

MDCCCXIV.

DUKE OF SUSSEX.	DUKE OF KENT.	DUKE OF YORK.	THE SOVEREIGN.	THE PRINCE OF WALES, REGENT.	DUKE OF CLARENCE.	DUKE OF CUMBERLAND.	DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE.
DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.				EMPEROR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS.			
KING OF FRANCE.				EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA.			
KING OF PRUSSIA.				ELECTOR OF HESSE.			
DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH.				DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.			
EARL OF CHATHAM.				MARQUESS OF SALISBURY.			
EARL OF WESTMORLAND.				EARL OF CARLISLE.			
EARL SPENCER.				MARQUESS CAMDEN.			
DUKE OF RUTLAND.				EARL OF HARDWICKE.			
DUKE OF BEAUFORT.				MARQUESS OF ABERCORN.			
EARL OF PEMBROKE.				EARL OF WINCHILSEA.			
EARL OF CHESTERFIELD.				MARQUESS OF STAFFORD.			
MARQUESS OF HERTFORD.				EARL OF LONSDALE.			
MARQUESS WELLESLEY.				DUKE OF RICHMOND.			
DUKE OF MONTROSE.				EARL OF MOIRA.			
DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.				DUKE OF WELLINGTON.			
EARL OF LIVERPOOL.				VISCOUNT CASTLEREAGH.			

THE STATUTES and Ordinances of the most noble Order of St. GEORGE, named the GARTER, reformed, explained, declared and renewed, by the most high, most excellent, and most puissant Prince, HENRY the Eighth, by the Grace of God, King of England and of France, Defender of the Faith, and Lord of Ireland, &c.

WHEREAS the most famous, most happy and The Institution. victorious Prince, EDWARD the Third of that Name, his noble Progenitor, sometime King of England and of France, and Lord of Ireland, &c. To the Honour of Almighty God, and of the blessed and immaculate Virgin MARY, and the blessed Martyr St. GEORGE, PATRON of the right noble Realm of England, and of St. EDWARD King and Confessor, to the Exaltation of the holy Faith Catholique, ordained, established, created and founded, The Order to consist of Twenty-six Knights. within the Castle of Windsor, a Company of Twenty-six noble and worthy Knights, for to be of the said most noble Order of St. George, named the GARTER, and for

the honourable Continuance, Augmentation, and Maintenance of the same, The said most victorious King did devise and institute divers honourable Statutes and laudable Ordinances, for to be observed and kept, by the Co-Brethren and Confreres, Knights and Companions of the said most noble Order, among the which Statutes be certain Doubts and Ambiguities, which, to be more plainly declared, interpreted, and expounded, it is thought right necessary and expedient, that certain new Ordinances and Articles be to the said Statutes added and adjoined. WHEREFORE the said most excellent and victorious Prince Henry the Eighth, King of England and of France, Defender of the Faith, and Lord of Ireland, and Sovereign of the said most noble Order, for the right singular Love, good Zeal, ardent and intire Affection, this his Royal Majesty hath and beareth to the said most noble Order, and to the State of Chivalry and Knighthood, and for the honourable Continuance and Increasing of the same, and also at the humble Request and instant Desire of the Knights and Companions of the said most noble Order; And by their Advice, Council, and Assent, the Twenty-

third Day of April, in the Year of Grace One Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty-two, and of his most noble Reign the Fourteenth Year, made Interpretation and Declaration of the Obscurities, Doubts, and Ambiguities of the said Statutes and Ordinances; which Interpretations and Reforms, with their Additions aforesaid, after the true Intention of them, shall be from henceforth observed, kept, and ensued, by the Sovereign and the Knights, Confreres, and Companions of the said noble Order, in Manner and Form following.

Reformation
of, and Ad-
ditions to,
the Statutes,
Anno. 1522,
14 Hen. VIII

FIRST. It is ordained and accorded, that the King and his Heirs and Successors, Kings of England, shall be for evermore Sovereigns of the said most noble Order, and amicable Company of St. GEORGE, named the GARTER, to the which Sovereign, and to his Heirs and Successors, shall appertain the Declaration, Solution, Determination, Interpretation, Reformation, and Disposition, of all Causes, concerning and touching any Thing of Obscurity or Doubt, contained in the Statutes of the said most noble Order.

I.
The King
and his Heirs
and Success-
ors,
Kings of
England, to
be for ever
SOVEREIGNS
of the Order.

II.
None to be
elected a
Companion
of the Order
except he be
a Gentleman
of Blood, and
a Knight
without Re-
proach

Of three
Descents of
Nobless, viz.
of Name and
of Arms,
both of Fa-
ther's and
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Three Points
of Reproach,
viz.
1st Point.

SECOND. ITEM, It is accorded, that none shall be elect-
ed and chosen to be Fellow or Companion of the said most
noble Order, except he be a Gentleman of Blood, and
that he be a Knight, and without Reproach: And that
the Knights of the said most noble Order, from hence-
forth, shall not name any Person in their Election, to be
Fellow or Companion of the said most noble Order, in
whom they shall think, or esteem in their Conscience, to
have Spot of Reproach: And as touching the Declaration
of a Gentleman of Blood, it is declared and determined
that he shall be descended of three Descents of Nobless,
that is to say, of Name and of Arms, both of his Father's
Side and also of his Mother's Side: And as touching or
concerning any Manner of Reproach, forasmuch as there
be divers and many sundry Points of Reproach, there shall
be here declared but three Points of them only, as is de-
clared in Manner and Form following.

THE first Point of Reproach is, that if any Knight, as
God defend, be convicted or attainted of Error against

the Christian Faith Catholique, or had for such Offence suffered any Pain or Punishment public.

THE second Point of Reproach is, that if any Knight, as God defend, had been arraigned, convicted, or attainted of high Treason.

2d Point
of Reproach.

THE third Point of Reproach is, that if any Knight depart or fly away from Battle or Journey, being with his sovereign Lord, his Lieutenant or Deputy, or other Captain having the King's Power Royal and Authority: And whereas Banners, Standards, or Pennons, have been displayed, and that they proceeded to fight, he that then reniously and cowardly flyeth and departeth away from thence, ought to be esteemed and adjudged to have Reproach, and never worthy to be elected Knight or Fellow of the said Company. And if it fortune that any Knight of the said Company, which God forbid, do commit any such Reproach, that then he shall be deprived and degraded of the said Order at the next Chapter ensuing, if it so please the Sovereign and the Company.

3d Point
of Reproach.

III.
Ordinances
to be obser-
ved on St.
GEORGE'S
DAY and on
the EVE or
VIGIL of the
Feast.

THIRD. ITEM, That every Year, upon the Vigil of St. GEORGE, that is to say, the Twenty-second Day of the Month of April, on what Day soever it fall on, and though no Service of St. GEORGE be celebrated or done, all the Knights of the said Company, being in Place or Places of their Liberties, in what Places soever they be, shall be bound for to wear the whole Habit of the said Order, that is to wit, Robe, Mantle, Hood, and Collar, from the Hour of the first Evensong, at the Hour of Tierce, that is, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, untill the Evensong and other divine Service, Supper and Voidance be done and accomplished. And likewise on the Morrow on St. GEORGE'S Day, at Mattens, Procession, Morning Service, and the second Evensong, and all the said Day, untill that Supper and Voidance be done, as is aforesaid.

IV.
Prorogation
of the Feast.

FOURTH. ITEM, That if, for any Causes, it should please the said Sovereign to prorogue the said Feast and Solemnity of St. GEORGE, or that the said Feast should be pro-

longued and prorogued to another Day, that all the Knights of the said Order, that shall be within the Realm of England, shall give their Attendance, the Even and Day of St. GEORGE, on the Person of the said Sovereign, and shall find themselves in his Company, in what Place soever he be, within the said Realm of England; and they so giving their Attendance upon his said Person, the said Even and Day, shall observe and keep the Service of St. GEORGE, if the Ordinance and Commandment of the holy Church doth suffer and permit it. And if the Ordinance of the Church doth not permit it in this behalf, they be bound to tarry with the Sovereign and hear such Service as shall be then limited and ordained by the holy Church to be done, and celebrated, the said Even and Day of St. GEORGE, in observing and keeping during the said Days, all other Ceremonies, as well in going to the Chapter upon the said Even before Evensong at Afternoon, and the said Day of St. GEORGE, at Afternoon, before the last Evensong, as also in wearing their whole Habit, and every Knight being in his own Stall, in keeping the divine Service, from the Time of the first Even-

Ceremonies
on the Feast
of St.
GEORGE.

song of the said Even, Mattens, and divine Service, unto the last Evensong of the said Day ; and the Morrow after ensuing, before the divine Service, they shall take their Mantles upon such Gowns as shall please them, and shall enter into the Chapter, if there be any Election or other great Affairs, before the said divine Service, in using such Ceremonies to this accustomed, as though they were present in the said Castle of Windsor, and in case that the said Sovereign be come and entered into the said Chapter, and that some of the Fellows of the said Order be not entered and come with him, and should tarry behind, in such case they that have not given and done due Attendance upon him, shall abide without the Doors of the said Chapter, without entering into it, during all the Time that the said Sovereign and other Knights shall be in the said Chapter, for that time, and if so be that any of the above-named Knights come too late to the first Evensong of the said Even or Mattens, divine Service, or last Evensong, the said Day of St. GEORGE, he shall have for Pennance, that during the Time and Space of such divine Service, he shall kneel or stand before his Stall, in the

Place of the Choristers, and if he came not to give Attendance upon the Person of the said Sovereign, the said Even and Day of St. GEORGE, as aforesaid, and that he have no Licence, or other reasonable Excuse, and that if it be acceptable to the said Sovereign for his Absence, in this Case, the said Knight, that so shall have done for his Pennance, shall not come into his Stall at the next Feast ensuing, in the Presence of the said Sovereign, nor in his Stall in the said College of Windsor, and furthermore shall pay Ten Pounds, for to be converted and bestowed to the Use of the Ornaments of the said College.

FIFTH. ITEM, If it chance that any of the Knights of the said Order, by Leave or Licence, or otherwise, were in his House or any other Place at his Liberty and Franchise, the said Even and Day of St. GEORGE, he shall be bound to cause to be prepared a Capital Stall in the Church or Chapel, in the which he shall hear divine Service. In the which capital Stall shall be set and elevated the Order of St. GEORGE, named the GARTER, being within a GARTER, and his proper Arms within the

V.
Ceremonies
to be observed
by
Knights absent,
with leave, from
the Feast.

GARTER also, shall be set at a Stall, that shall be as much in Distance from the Stall of the said Sovereign, after the Proportion and Quantity of the said Church or Chapel, as is his Stall in the Castle of Windsor, and shall wear his said Habit whole, and shall hear the divine Service, such as by the holy Church is ordained and limited for the said Day, as well the first Evensong, Mattens, divine Service, as the latter Evensong, in doing by him first Reverence to the Altar in the Honour of God, and after to the Stall where is fixed and set up the Arms of the said Order, as well and as often at his coming in as at his going out of the said Church or Chapel, and also as often as he shall pass before the said Arms, always except the Emperors, Kings, Princes and Electors, the which may, in this case, so ordain their Seats and Stalls, as it shall seem them best, and at their Pleasure.

VI.
St.
GEORGE'S
Day & Feast
may be held
where the
SOVEREIGN
shall appoint.

SIXTH. ITEM, If it were so, that without any Prorogation, the said Feast and Solemnity of St. GEORGE were kept and celebrated, the same Day and Even of St. GEORGE, in the said Castle of Windsor. And if it were

not the Pleasure of the said Sovereign for to be present, or that conveniently he may not be there in Person, the said Day and Feast, at his said Castle of Windsor, that in this case, in what Place that his Pleasure shall be, being within his Realm of England, his Majesty may appoint and command such Knights of the said Order, as best shall seem him, there for to keep Company, and give Attendance upon his Person, and to keep all like Ceremonies, as though they were at the said Castle of Windsor, and they doing the Things abovesaid, shall be excused for their Absence of the said Feast of St. GEORGE, holden at the said Castle of Windsor for that Year.

SEVENTH. ITEM, It is agreed, that if the Sovereign cannot be at St. GEORGE's Feast, that he shall make his Deputy by his Letters, for to keep the Chapter, upon St. St. GEORGE's Even at the Hour of Tierce, the which is at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, and on St. GEORGE's Day, for to keep the said Feast, at the Cost of the said Sovereign for the Space abovesaid, without any new Ordinances to be made, having Power to correct and re-

VII.
THE SOVE-
REIGN,
if absent from
the Feast, to
appoint his
DEPUTY.

dress all Points of the said Chapter, as for them shall seem necessary.

VIII.
The Knights
to assemble
at Windsor
on St.
GEORGE'S
Eve.

To wear the
whole habit
during the
Service.

The Achievements
above
the Stall to
abide during
the life of the
Knight.

The Feast
when to be
prorogued.

EIGHTH. ITEM, That every Year on St. GEORGE'S Even, that is to wit, the Twenty-second Day of April, a gathering together shall be made of all the Knights of St. GEORGE, within the Castle of Windsor, that is to wit, of all them that shall be within the Realm of England, or without that conveniently may come, and there they shall have the Service of St. GEORGE, and also shall wear the whole Habit of the said Order during the said Service, being ordinarily in their Stalls, and every of them shall have his Banner, Sword, with his Helm and Crest above his Stall, the which during his Life shall abide in the said Chapel for his Honour, and in Sign and Knowledge that he beareth them in Defence of the holy Church, as the Order of Knighthood doth require. But in case that the said Feast of St. GEORGE, happen to fall within fifteen Days after the Feast of Easter, or upon any Fish Day, or Fasting Day, then it shall be prorogued and prolonged at the Sovereign's Pleasure, as abovesaid, if so be

that the Day of the said Feast be not assigned, nor ordained to be kept the Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, nor the last Day of April, nor upon the four first Days of May, for because of the Let or Impediment of divine Service, ordained by the holy Church for the double Feasts of St. MARK, PHILIP and JACOB, and the Invention of the holy Cross of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, nor at such Days as shall fall the Ascension, or the Feast of Pentecost, or any other Feast of Solemnity as is ordained in the holy Church, whereby the first or second Evensong, by such Prorogation, might be letted and disturbed.

NINTH. ITEM, That all the Knights of the said Order shall come yearly in the said Place of the said Castle of Windsor, on St. GEORGE'S Even, at the Hour of Tierce, the which is at Three of the Clock at Afternoon, as is abovesaid; and if they come not at the Time assigned, without having a just and reasonable Excuse, that may be acceptable to the said Sovereign, or to his Deputy, or otherwise pardoned by the said Sovereign of their Absence;

IX.
Penance for
late Attendance
or Absence from
the EVE and
FEAST without
Leave.

by special Letters of Excuse, in the which Letters their Names and Causes shall be written, or otherwise shall have their Pennance, after the Ordinance and Agreement of the said Chapter. And the said Ordinance is such, that they shall not enter into the said Chapter for that Time, but shall abide without the Door, and shall have no Voice in any Thing that is done in the Chapter, at that Time only, and if they come not to Evensong, before the beginning of the said Evensong, they shall not enter into their Stalls, but shall abide below, before their said Stalls, in the Choristers Places, during the said Evensong, and like Pennance is ordained for them that come not to the Morning Service betime, and at Evensong on St. GEORGE'S Day ; and if there be any that come not to the said Feast, and have not a reasonable Excuse towards the Sovereign or his Deputy, as it is above declared, his Pennance shall be, that he shall not enter within his Stall the next Feast after, but shall abide below as is said at the first Evensong, and shall go in the Procession before all the Choristers, and shall sit below, as before is said, all the Service time, untill the offering, and he shall

offer last: And after this Pennance, so done incontinent, he shall come before the Sovereign's Stall or his Deputy, and there he shall ask Pardon, and after that, the Sovereign, or his Deputy, shall command him to go to his Stall in his first Estate; and if he come not at the second Feast, and be dwelling within the Realm without having any reasonable Excusation allowable to the Sovereign, or his Deputy, as is abovesaid, he shall not enter into his Stall from henceforth, untill the Time that he hath given and offered a Jewel unto St. GEORGE'S Altar, within the said Chapel, of the Value of Twenty Marks of Silver, and from thence forward he shall double every Year the Penalty, unto the Time he be reconciled.

TENTH. ITEM, It is agreed, that if any Knight of the said Company be found to appear without his GARTER, that he pay anon, after the Challenge shall be made to him by any of the five Officers of the Order, or of the Warden of the said College, a Mark of Money, except he be booted for to ride; that then it shall suffice to wear under his Boot a blue Ribband of Silk, in Signification of

X.
Fine for not
wearing the
Garter.

a GARTER, and also provided that no Knight of the said Order, without his GARTER, from henceforth do enter into the Chapter, upon the Pain abovesaid, and whosoever of the said Officers or Warden shall challenge, shall have the Penalty for his Labour.

XI.
The Knights,
when in their
Mantles, to
walk before
the SOVE-
REIGN by
Companions,
or singly, if
the Compa-
nion be ab-
sent,

except
at the Offer-
ing when the
SOVEREIGN
or his DEPU-
TY shall walk
first.

Order of the
Knights at
Table to be
according to

ELEVENTH. ITEM, It is agreed, that the Knights of the Order of St. GEORGE, alway, and as often as they shall wear their Mantles, they shall go before the Sovereign, every of them with his Fellow that is fore-against him ordinarily, as they be set in their Stalls; and if it should happen, that any of them were not there present, his Fellow fore-against him shall go alone; the which Order shall be kept and observed, as well in going in Procession, as elsewhere in other Places. But at the Offering, the Sovereign or his Deputy shall go before all the Company, and the ordinary Officers of the said Order shall go as they have been accustomed, when any Procession shall be done in the Chapter, Chapel, or elsewhere; and for the Order of the said Knights for to sit at the Table, to take their Refection, be it at Dinner or at Supper, they

shall sit along one Side after their Stalls, and not after their States, except Children or Brethren of Kings, Princes, and Dukes Strangers; the which shall keep their Places and Rooms after their Estate, and, at their voiding and going out, shall abide and go in Order so as they sat at Table.

their Stalls, except Children or Brethren of Kings and Princes, and Dukes Strangers, who are to sit according to their Estate.

TWELFTH. ITEM, It is agreed, that every one of them at the Castle of Windsor, on the Morrow after the Feast of St. GEORGE, before the departing of the Company, that the Knights aforesaid upon such Gowns as shall please them, at the Chapter Door shall take their Mantles, and shall go into the said Chapter, and, after that, shall go and hear divine Service, the which shall be solemnly sung for the Souls of all the Fellows of the said Order, which be departed and deceased, and for all Christian Souls, and that all the Company be there present, without any of them be let by a reasonable Cause, or have Licence of the Sovereign or his Deputy before the departing. And when it happeneth, that, for any Cause of the voiding of any of the said Fellowship, there shall be certain Banners,

XII.
On the Morrow after the Feast, the Knights to take their Mantles at the Chapter Door, and afterwards attend divine Service before their Departure from Windsor.

Offering of
the Banners,
Swords,
Helms, and
Crests to be
made of the
deceased
Knights be-
fore the Of-
fering of
Silver.

Manner of
the Offering.

by the
Sovereign
or his
Deputy
shall
appoint
or name
and after
that the
Sword
shall be
offered
by two
other
Knights
of the
said
Order
assigned
by the
Sovereign
or his
Deputy.

And if
any
Knight
of the
said
Order
shall
decease
the Year
before,
then every
Knight
being
in the
Castle
of Windsor,
at the
said
divine
Service,
shall
offer
a Taper
armed
with a
little
Escutcheon
of Arms
of the
Knight
departed;
and if
there
were
more
than
one
deceased,
that then
be made
for every
one of
them
an
Escutcheon
of Arms,
and a
Groat
set nigh
to the
Light
of the
Taper,
the which
Escutcheons
and
Tapers
shall
be made
at the
Costs
and
Charges
of the
Knights
of the
said
Order.

XIII.
Strangers
to have
notice
(by letters
of the
Sovereign)
of their
Elec-

Swords, Helmets, and Crests, the which ought to be offered up, before the Offering of any Silver, the said Hatchments ought to be offered, first the Banner by two of the said Fellowship, such as the Sovereign or his Deputy, shall appoint or name, and, after that, the Sword shall be offered by two other, and likewise the Helm and Crest by two other Knights of the said Order, assigned by the Sovereign or his Deputy. And if any Knight of the said Order shall decease the Year before, then every Knight being in the Castle of Windsor, at the said divine Service, shall offer a Taper armed with a little Escutcheon of Arms of the Knight departed; and if there were more than one deceased, that then be made for every one of them an Escutcheon of Arms, and a Groat set nigh to the Light of the Taper, the which Escutcheons and Tapers shall be made at the Costs and Charges of the Knights of the said Order.

THIRTEENTH. ITEM, It is agreed, that all Strangers that shall be elected Fellows of the said Order, shall be certified, by Letters of the Sovereign, of their Election,

the which Letters of Certification, with the Statutes of the said Order under the common Seal, shall be sent unto them, at the Cost and Charges of the said Sovereign, in all Diligence ; and at the furthest they shall be certified of this in four Months after the said Election, to the End the said Elect may advise them by the Statutes, if they will receive the said Order, or no. But if the said Sovereign have great and high Lets and Business, that then he may defer the Certification of the said Election, at his good Pleasure, unto the Time of Opportunity and Conveniency. After the Certification have been delivered, and that the Sovereign shall be certified that the said Elect will receive the said Order, then the Sovereign shall send unto the said Elect, by his Ambassador, his whole Habit, with the Garter and Collar ; and that all such Strangers of what Estate, Dignity, or Condition, that they be of, shall send within seven Months after the Reception of the said Garter, Collar, and Habit, and that he have certified the Sovereign to have received those Things by a sufficient Deputy or Attorney, after the Estate of his Lord and Master, so that he be a Knight without Reproach to be

tion, with the Statutes of the Order under the Seal, within four Months after such Election, or at the SOVEREIGN'S Pleasure.

Upon Reception, the SOVEREIGN shall send, by his Ambassador, the whole Habit, with the Garter and Collar.

The Knight Stranger to send, within seven Months, a Knight without Reproach to be installed as his Proxy.

He to bring
with him a
Mantle of
blue Velvet
and his Mas-
ter's Achieve-
ments.

Manner of
the Installa-
tion by
Proxy.

stalled in his Place, the which shall bring with him, a Mantle of blue Velvet, of the Order of that which he shall send him, and also his Banner, Sword, Helm, and Crest, for to be and abide in the said College during his Life ; and that the Mantle, in the Time that the said Deputy or Attorney shall be stalled by the said Sovereign or his Deputy, shall put upon his right Arm, for to hold the said Mantle upon his Arm, and shall be accompanied and led by two of the Knights of the said Order, from the Door of the Chapter unto the Stall, and there being shall make his Oath, and shall be stalled, for and in the Name of his said Lord and Master : And the Mantle abovesaid, the said Attorney or Deputy shall bear it upon his right Arm, during divine Service, being set in the Stall of his Lord and Master, without bearing of it any Time after, and to have no Manner of Voice in the Chapter, or to come in it in the Absence of him that hath sent him. And if he send not his Attorney within seven Months abovesaid, without having a reasonable Excuse, which shall be acceptable to the Sovereign or his Deputy, the Election shall be void of him, except so be that the said Knight be

letted and disturbed by great Affairs, then he may send his Excuse to the said Sovereign or to his Deputy, within a Month after; and after, as his Excuse is, the Sovereign, or his Deputy, will allow or accept it, that then the said Sovereign, or his Deputy, may give unto him four Months more of Respite. And if he came not, or sent not his Attorney before the Time of the four Months be finished, that then in this case the Election shall be wholly void, from him, for that Time. And it is so to be known, this Favour is done and shewed to the Strangers, the which may not well come in their proper Persons, that they might be stalled by Attornies, to the End that they might be Partakers of the divine Service, and all the Prayers of the said Order, for they should fail of the half, if they were not stalled before their Death. And likewise it is ordained for them that be new chosen and elected of the said Order, being in the King's Wars, by his Commandment, for to enjoy the Benefits of the said Statutes, to that which shall appertain only to their Stallation.

In default of sending a Proxy in due time, the Election of a Knight Stranger to be void.

XIV.
A DEAN and
WARDEN,
12 CANONS
SECULARS,
8 PETTY
CANONS, and
13 VICARS,
appointed:
Their quali-
fications. Also
13 Clerks
and 13 Cho-
risters.

Presentation
of all the
Canons to
belong to the
SOVEREIGN.

Place of the
Canons in
the Chapel.

FOURTEENTH. ITEM, There is also ordained, a Dean and Warden, with twelve Canons Seculars; the which shall be Priests at their Entering, or else within a Year next following; and also eight petty Canons, and thirteen Vicars, also Priests at their Entering, or else at the giving of the next Orders, or at the farthest within a Year after their Presentation. Also thirteen Clerks and thirteen Choristers, for to sing and to pray unto God for the Prosperity of the Sovereign, and of all the Knights of the said Order living; and also for the Souls of all the Knights of the said Order departed, and for all Christian Souls. And the Presentation of all the said Canons shall belong alway to the Sovereign of the said Order, and the said Canons, when any Knight of the said Order is there present, within the Choir of the said Chapel, shall sit in their lowermost Seats, where they be wont to sit at the Feast of St. GEORGE, and in the Absence of the said Knights, the said Canons may sit in the high Seats, next unto the Stalls of the said Knights.

FIFTEENTH. ITEM, There be ordained five Officers appertaining to the said Order, that is to wit, Prelate, Chancellor, Register, and King of Arms named GARTER, and an Usher at Arms named the Black Rod; the which shall be received and sworn to be of the Council of the said Order: the Secrets, with also their Charges and Privileges, shall expressly be declared, in the Book of the Ordinances of the said Officers.

XV.
5 Officers of
the Order,
PRELATE,
CHANCEL-
LOR, REGIS-
TER, GAR-
TER, and
BLACK ROD,
to be recei-
ved and
sworn to be
of the Coun-
cil of the
Order.

SIXTEENTH. ITEM, It is also ordained, that thirteen poor Knights that have not wherewithal to live, for to have in that Place their Living and Sustentation conveniently for their good Prayers, in the Honour of GOD and St. GEORGE, of the which, the Charges and Privileges, hereafter shall be declared, following the Ordinances of the Officers, and their Election is ordained as of the Presentation of the Canons, so that alway the Election shall abide to the said Sovereign. And it is agreed, the poor Knights shall have their Mantles of Scarlet, and an Escutcheon of the Arms of St. GEORGE, without a GARTER.

XVI.
13 Poor
KNIGHTS,

electd by the
SOVEREIGN:

their Mantles
described.

XVII.
Every
Knight to
leave his
Mantle in
the College.

The
SOVEREIGN,
by the con-
sent of Six
Knights,
may summon
a Chapter.

SEVENTEENTH. ITEM, It is agreed, that every Knight, of the said Company, shall leave his Mantle within the said College for any sudden Chances that might happen, for to keep, hold, and observe all such Ordinances, Precepts and Commandments, which may be advised in Chapter by the Sovereign. The which Sovereign, by the Consent and Agreement of six Knights of the said Order, may at all Times and Places, at his Pleasure, summon and make to be kept a Chapter, for all such Causes, as it shall please the said Sovereign to name, touching the said Order.

XVIII.
A Knight,
coming with-
in 2 Miles of
the Castle,
shall, if con-
venient, go
in; and take
his Mantle
before he
enter the
Chapel.

EIGHTEENTH. ITEM, That if it fortune, that any of the said Company should come within two Miles of the Castle, that he shall go in if he may, for the Honour of the Place, if he be not busied or let by some just Cause, and that he take his Mantle before he enter within the said Chapel, and also that he enter not in but he have his Mantle upon him, and the Canons then being present, for that Time, shall come to receive him, and de-

voutly shall bring him into the said Chapel, and if he be in Time of divine Service, he shall tarry and hear divine Service, in Honour of GOD and St. GEORGE ; and if it be at Afternoon, he shall come in Manner abovesaid, and there shall be said by the Canons, de profundis, for all Christian Souls, and there shall offer and return to his Stall. And if any of the said Company ride through the Town, and will not offer, as it is agreed ; that upon his Obedience, upon every Time that he faileth, he shall go a Mile on Foot from the said Chapel, unto the said Place, in Honour of St. GEORGE, and also for every Time that he shall so fail, he shall give a Groat for his Offering, the which Distance for to come nigh unto the said Castle, is two Miles only, and no more.

He shall be received by the Canons, attend divine Service, and offer.

Penance on failure to observe this Ordinance.

NINETEENTH. ITEM, It is accorded, the Thirty-second Year of our Sovereign Lord, King HENRY the Eighth, by the Grace of GOD, King of England, and of France, Defender of the Faith, Lord of Ireland, &c. Upon St. GEORGE's Day, the Twenty-third of April, at a Chapter holden at the Palace of Westminster, by the Sovereign

XIX.
At a Chapter, April 23, 32d Henry VIII. (1540) at Westminster, it was ordered that, upon the death of a Companion, the rest not being strangers, shall pay certain sums to be employed

in Alms-
deeds,
according to
the Rates of
their diffe-
rent degrees.

Such Sums
to be receiv-
ed by the
Dean, or
Register, and
yearly ac-
counted for
to the SOVE-
REIGN in
Chapter.

and the Companions of the said most noble Order, then and there assembled, that as soon as the Death of any of the Companions of the said Order shall be certainly known, every of the rest, being no Strangers, shall pay according to the Rates of their degrees hereafter specified, immediately upon a Demand for the same, by the Register and the Dean, or one of them, to be by one of them employed in Alms Deeds, as in amending High-ways, or such other works of Charity, as the King's Majesty from Time to Time shall limit and appoint, the several Sums of Money ensuing, first the Sovereign 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a King of another Realm 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* the Prince 5*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* a Duke 5*l.* a Marquis 3*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* an Earl 50*s.* a Viscount 41*s.* 8*d.* a Baron 33*s.* 4*d.* a Batchelor Knight 16*s.* 8*d.* of all which Sums of Money, thus to be received, the said Dean or Register, or either of them, shall yearly, at the Chapter, present his Account to the King's Majesty, with his true and just Declaration of the disbursing again, and defraying of the same; in that Case, the Party whose Portion shall appear to be unpaid, shall, in the Name of a Pain, add to his former Duty another

third Part of the same, and so for every Year that he shall be behind, to pay a third Part more than he should pay, if he should satisfye his Ordinary, according to the Rate before expressed. And if the Dean and Register, or one of them, should not, at every such Chapter, present the Certificate of the Receipts and Payments in form aforesaid, whereby the same may appear to the Sovereign and Companions of the Order, then present, or at least he, in whom the Default shall rest, shall, in the Name of a Pain, content and pay immediately, to be employed about the like Purpose, as is aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Pounds for every Offence.

Penalty for
the Non-pay-
ment.

TWENTIETH. ITEM, It is agreed, that if any of the said Company dye, that the Sovereign or his Deputy, after that they shall have Certification of his Death, shall be bound for to send and give Notice, by their Letters, to all the Fellows of the said noble Order, being within England, for to come, and be, with the said Sovereign, or his Deputy, in what Place soever it be, where it shall please him to assign conveniently, within six Weeks after the

XX.
Upon the
Death of a
Knight, and
Certificate
thereof, the
SOVEREIGN,
or DEPUTY,
to summon
the Knights
then in Eng-
land to come
to the
Election.

Six, at least,
to assemble.

Each to
name Nine
Knights
without Re-
proach.

PRELATE to
write the
Suffrages,
and, in his
Absence, the
Chancellor,
or the Dean
or Register.

The SOVE-
REIGN to
elect.

Certification of the Death, or Decease, of the said Knight, the which also assembled, or at the least six, with the Sovereign, or his Deputy, abovesaid, every of them that there shall be present, and come to the Election, shall name nine of the worthiest and sufficient Knights, without Reproach, that he shall know subjects to the said Sovereign, or others, so to be, that they hold no contrary Party or be against him, that is to wit, three Dukes, Marquisses, Earls, or greater Estate, three Barons or Bannerets, and three Batchelor Knights, the which Denominations, the chief Prelate of the said Order, shall write, that is to wit, the Bishop of Winchester for the Time being, or in his Absence the Chancellor, or the Dean or Register, or the most ancient Residencer of the said College, in their Absence. And the Denominations so done, by all, or six at the least, by him that hath written, shall be shewed to the said Sovereign or his Deputy, that then shall choose of them that be named, he that shall have the most Voices, and also he that the Sovereign shall esteem to be most honourable to the said Order, and most profitable to his Crown and to his Realm, and if there

be any Knight of the said Order, that shall fail to come to the said Election, if he be not let by a just Cause, and that the said Cause of his Excuse, shewed under his Seal of Arms, be found by the Sovereign, or his Deputy, to be just and reasonable, and his Excuse to be acceptable and allowed. And that if his Cause be not just, and that he come not to the Ceremonies above named, it is agreed, that he shall pay to the Warden of the College, for to sing for him that is departed, 20s. Sterling. And at the next coming to the Chapter, he shall be before the Sovereign, or his Deputy, and the Company, and shall kneel upon the Ground in the midst of the Chapter, until the Time that he be reconciled to the Sovereign, or to his Deputy, and the said Company.

A Knight, prevented from attending the Chapter, to send his Excuse under his Seal of Arms.

Fine and Penance, on failure, at the next Chapter.

TWENTY-FIRST. ITEM, It is agreed, that if any Knight of the said Company should depart, and another is chosen and elect, he shall have, soon after his Election, the GARTER, in signifying that he is one of the Knights and Fellows of the Order of the GARTER, and his Robe and Hood shall be delivered him in the Chapter-house, incon-

XX.
A Knight to receive the GARTER soon after Election; and his Robe and Hood in the Chapter-house.

INSTALLA-
TION.

A Knight
dying before
he have re-
ceived the
Habit is not
to be named
one of the
Founders.

tinently, after that his Commission hath been read before the Sovereign, or his Deputy, and the Company; and after that shall be led by two Knights of the said Order, accompanied with the other Noblemen. And the Officers of the Order shall also be present, and his Mantle shall be borne before him by one of the Knights of the said Order, or by the King of Arms of the Order, the which Mantle shall be delivered to him for his Habit, after that he shall have made his Oath before his Stall, and not before. And this done, he shall return into the Chapter-house, where he shall receive by the Sovereign, or his Deputy, the Collar, and he shall have the full Possession of his Habit wholly, except great Princes Strangers, the which may receive their Habit wholly within the Chapter-house, as it hath been used and accustomed in Times past, for the shortening of Time. And if he dye before he have received the Habit, he shall not be named one of the Founders, seeing he lacketh to have full Possession of his Estate; but he shall have the one Part of the divine Service abovenamed, for the Delivery of the GARTER, and none other Thing above it. And if he, so chosen, come not in

all good Diligence after the Reception of the GARTER, in the said Place, for to be stalled, and especially within the Year of his Election, and if he be a Knight dwelling within the Realm, and hath no excuse reasonable, allowable and acceptable, to the said Sovereign, or to his Deputy, and the Company, then the Election shall be void of him. And the Sovereign or his Deputy, and the Company, shall go and make another new Election, and neither the Banner, the Sword, nor the Helmet, nor Crest of him so chosen, be put upon his Stall, within the Castle, before his coming; to the end, that, if he come not, his said Hatchments, as Banner, Sword, Helmet, nor Crest, of him, be not taken down nor availed, but honestly put out of the Choir, and the Crest and other Things shall abide, to the Profit and Use of the said Order.

A Knight to be installed within the Year of his Election; or, without reasonable Excuse, the Election to be void, and the Achievements not to be put up.

TWENTY-SECOND. ITEM, It is agreed, that if any of the Dukes, Marquisses, Earls, Viscounts, Barons, Bannerets, or Batchelors dye, that he that shall come after, and succeed in his Place and Room, be he Duke, Marquiss, Earl, Viscount, Baron, Banneret, or Batchelor, or any of the Estates

XXII.
Knights, of the degree of Dukes and under, dying, shall be succeeded in their Stalls by the next Knight in Succession, of whatever Degree, and not change

his Stall
without spe-
cial Warrant
from the
SOVEREIGN.

abovenamed, he shall have the self same Stall that his Predecessor had, and shall not change it without he have a special Warrant or Licence of the said Sovereign, always all Emperors, Kings, and Princes, be excepted, the which shall keep and hold their Stalls after their Estates, and very next unto the Sovereign; and then, by this mean, a Duke shall take the Stall of a Batchelor, and a Batchelor the Stall of a Duke, in Sign and Knowlege of the first Founders.

XXIII.
Translation
of Stalls.

TWENTY-THIRD. ITEM, If there be any Stall, or Place, void, the Sovereign, at his Pleasure, may advance and translate by his special Licence, any Knight of the said Company in the said Stall, if so be that he be higher than the Stall that he was in before. Also the Sovereign may, once in his Life, if it please him, make a general Translation of all the Stalls at his Pleasure, except Emperors, Kings, Princes, and Dukes, the which always shall keep their Places and Stalls, if not that they be translated into more higher Room and Stall, in the which Translation, the long Continuance in the Order, and the Praise, Worthi-

ness, and Merits of the Knights, ought to be considered and remembered, the which Knights, from henceforth, in going and sitting, at all Times that they shall wear their Mantles, shall keep their Places after the Order of their Stalls, and not after their Estates, as is aforesaid.

TWENTY-FOURTH. ITEM, It is agreed that all the Fellows abovesaid, at their first coming in, shall give, every of them, a certain Sum after their Estate, for the Entertainment and Maintenance of the Canons and poor Knights, dwelling in the said Place, and for the Alms Deeds that is there perpetually ordained, that is to wit, the Sovereign 40 Marks, a stranger King 20*l.* the Prince 20 Marks, every Duke 10*l.* every Marquiss 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* every Earl 10 Marks, every Viscount 5*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* every Baron and Banneret 5*l.* every Batchelor 5 Marks, and their Banners, Helmets, Crests, and Swords, shall not be set over their Stalls, untill the Time that they have paid, at their entering, the aforesaid Sums, every one after his Estate and Degree, whereof he is. And it is to wit, that the Sovereign is bound to pay for every Stranger, that

XXIV.
Fees to be paid by Knights, according to their Degree, for the Maintenance of the Canons and poor Knights, and, until the same be paid, the Achievements are not to be set over their Stalls.

The SOVEREIGN to pay the Fees for Knights Strangers.

shall be chosen and elect, when he shall be stalled, in his proper Person, or by Procurement or Attorney, and these Gifts be given, to the Intent, that every one of them that shall enter into the Order, be more worthy to have the Name, Title, and Privilege, of one of the Founders of the said Order.

XXV.
Regulation
concerning
the Garter-
Escutcheons
or Plates.

TWENTY-FIFTH. ITEM, It is agreed, that every Knight within the Year of his Stallation, shall cause to be made an Escutcheon of his Arms and Hatchments, in a Plate of Metal, such as shall please him, and that it be surely set upon the Back of his Stall, and the other that shall come after, shall have their Escutcheons and Hatchments in like Manner; but their Plates of Metal, nor their Hatchments, shall not be so large, nor so great as they of the first Founders were, except Strangers, which may use their Plates and Fashions at their Pleasure.

XXVI.
Installation
by Proxy.

TWENTY-SIXTH. ITEM, It is agreed, that no Knight, chosen and elect for to be Fellow of the said noble Order, shall not be stalled by Procurement or Attorney, except

he be a Stranger, and may not well come hither in his proper Person to be stalled, or other that is busied without the Realm, for the Affairs of his Sovereign, or by his Commandment and Licence, as is above declared.

TWENTY-SEVENTH. ITEM, That every Knight entering the said Order, shall promise and swear, faithfully to keep and observe the Points and Articles that here followeth, that is to wit, that, to his true Power, he shall during his Life, and during the Time he shall be Fellow of the said Order, keep, defend, and sustain, the Honour, Quarrels, Rights, and Lordships, of the Sovereign of the said Order.

XXVII.
Oath of the
Knights.

ITEM, That with all his Power, he shall enforce himself, and take Pains honourably to entertain and augment the said Order. And if it happen him for to know any Thing, that were imagined or procured to the contrary, of the Defence and Resistance of this, with all his true Power he shall put himself in more greater Endeavourment

ITEM, That well and truly, he shall accomplish and entertain, all the Statutes, Points, and Ordinances, of the said Order, and of all this shall make a general Oath, all and so, as though it were read to him, from Point to Point, and from Article to Article, and shall make the said Oath to the Sovereign of the said Order, or his Deputy, in swearing and promising upon the holy Gospels, for to keep them and entertain them, without any Fraud or Delusion, and upon this he shall touch the Book, and kiss the Cross.

Investiture
with the
GARTER.

Admonition.

ITEM, This done, the said Knight so chosen, with due Reverence shall receive the GARTER, the which the Sovereign, or his Deputy, shall put it about his left Leg, in saying these Words ; Sir, the loving Company of the Order of the GARTER hath received you their Brother, Lover, and Fellow, and in Token and Knowledge of this, they give you and present you this present GARTER; the which God will that you receive and wear from henceforth, to his

Praise and Pleasure, and to the Exaltation and Honour of the said most noble Order, and yourself.

TWENTY-EIGHTH. ITEM, It is agreed, that in case that the Sovereign be out of the Country, to the which he cannot, in proper Person, do that which shall appertain to the Stallation, he may give Power and Authority, by his Letters of Commission, to two of the Fellows, or to divers, to exercise it in his Name.

XXVIII.
The
SOVEREIGN
may appoint
Commission-
ers for the
Installation.

TWENTY-NINTH. ITEM, It is agreed, that a common Seal and Signet, of the Arms of the Order, be made, the which shall rest in the Custody and Keeping of the Chancellor of the Order, or of such a Knight and Fellow of the said Order, as shall please the Sovereign to name and assign. And if he, that shall have the Seals in Custody or Keeping, should depart, or go forth, for any Cause, 20 Miles far from the Sovereign, then he shall deliver the said Seals to the Sovereign, or to such a Knight of the Order, or to any other Person, that it shall please the Sovereign for to ordain and appoint, to the Intent, that at no

XXIX.
The Seal and
Signet to be
in the Custody of the
CHANCELLOR, or such
Knight
whom the
SOVEREIGN
may appoint;
with Regula-
tions in the
Event of the
Absence of
the Keeper
thereof.

Time, the said Seals be out of the Presence of the said Sovereign, he being within his Realm; and if he be out of his Realm, the Signet shall suffice for to seal all such Acts and Writings, touching the said Order, that there may be concluded and made.

XXX.
Every
Knight to
have a Copy
of the Sta-
tutes.

THIRTYETH. ITEM, It is agreed that every Fellow, of the said Order, from henceforth, shall have the Statutes of the said Order, first collected and overseen by the Register, and after that sealed with the common Seal aforesaid; and if the Knight will have any Arms devised, or Cognizance made, within the Book of the said Statutes, then the said Book shall be delivered to the King of Arms of the Order, for truly to ordain of it, as it shall appertain. And the Original likewise to be signed and sealed, the which shall abide in the Treasury of the said College for evermore.

XXXI.
The Book of
the Statutes
to be return-
ed to the
Warden, or
Register,

THIRTY-FIRST, ITEM, It is agreed, that after the Death of any of the Knights of the said Company, his Executors shall be bound for to send again, and deliver

the Statutes of the said Order, within Three Months after, if so be that the Statutes have been delivered to him by the Sovereign, or to his Charge, the which said Statutes shall be delivered again, to the Warden, or Register, of the said College, or to one of the principal Officers for the Time being.

upon the
death of a
Knight.

THIRTY-SECOND. ITEM, It is agreed, that none of the Knights of St. GEORGE, of the said Company of the GARTER, shall not go out of the Country, or Dominion, of the said Sovereign, without having Leave and Licence of the Sovereign ; therefore it is agreed, that if any Voyage be made, or any other noble Act, appertaining to the Honour of Knighthood, the said Sovereign, of his Grace, for the great Love, Favour, and Confidence, that he bears towards the Knights of the said Order, will prefer, advance, and present, the said Fellows and Knights of the said Order of St. GEORGE, before all other.

XXXII.
The Knights
not to leave
the Domini-
ons of the
SOVEREIGN
without Li-
cence.

THIRTY-THIRD. ITEM, That none of the Knights of the said Order shall arm themselves the one against the

XXXIII.
The Knights
not to arm
themselves

against each
other.

other, but in the Wars of his Sovereign Lord, in his Right and just Quarrel, and if it should happen, that any of the said Order were retained with any Lord, and holding his Party and Quarrel, and the adversary Party also desiring to have another Fellow of the said Order with him, in this Case, such a Knight and Fellow shall not be retained, but may excuse himself from all such Things, because his Fellow is armed against him, on the other Side, and was retained before him, and every Knight of the said Order, shall be bound to except, when he shall be retained, that he may wholly be discharged from his Service of War, if any of the Fellowship be before him retained, or holding the contrary and adversary Party, and if he that is the second retained, know that any of his Fellows be retained before him, and armed with his Adversary Party, then he that is second retained, at the first Knowledge that he shall have thereof, shall be bound to excuse him towards his Master, and leave that Quarrel.

XXXIV.
Licences to
go out of the
Realm to

THIRTY-FOURTH. ITEM, That all the Licences given to Knights of the said Order, that go out of the Realm

for to seek and obtain Honour, and all Certifications, or sending Letters and Writings concerning the said Order, from henceforth, shall be sealed with one of the Seals of the said Order.

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the Seals of
the Order.

THIRTY-FIFTH. ITEM, It is agreed, that if any Knight of the said Order, for his Devotion, will dwell within the said Castle continually, there shall be ordained for him a dwelling Place convenient, by the Assignment of the Sovereign, and he, of his proper Goods, and at his Costs and Charges, shall provide for his Living.

XXXV.
A Knight
may dwell
within the
Castle of
Windsor for
his Devotion.

THIRTY-SIXTH. ITEM, If any other Knight, not being of the said Order, hath any Will to dwell there for his Devotion, there shall be ordained for him a dwelling Place, after the Will and Pleasure of the said Sovereign, and with the Consentment of the said Company.

XXXVI.
Knights, not
of the Order,
may dwell
therein for
their Devotion,
at the Pleasure of
the SOVEREIGN,
and Consent of
the Order.

THIRTY-SEVENTH. ITEM, It is ordained, that if any Knights, or other Person, will give any Lands, Heritage, or Rents, for to be participant of all the good Oraisons

XXXVII.
Endowments
within
the College of
Windsor.

and Prayers, that shall be said there, in the said Place, also his Name shall be registered, and the Canons and poor Knights shall pray perpetually to God for him, and also the said Dean, Warden, and Canons of the said College, from henceforth, shall not take any Manner of Charge upon the said College, without the Advice and Consentment of the said Sovereign, or his Deputy, and the Fellowship of the said Order, in Presence, and by them consented and agreed in plain Chapter.

XXXVIII.
Knights to
wear Collars
of Gold.

THIRTY-EIGHTH. ITEM, For to have better Knowledge of the Knights that shall be of the said Order, the Sovereign of it willeth and ordaineth, by the Wills and Consentments of the whole Company, that from henceforth, that every Knight of the said Order shall have and wear, apertly and openly, a Collar of Gold about his Neck, weighing thirty Ounces of Troy Weight, and not above, the which Collar shall be made by Pieces, in the Fashion of Garters, in the midst of which Garters shall be a double Rose, the one Rose red, and the within white, and the other Rose white, and the other Rose within red.

Fashion of
the Collar.

And at the End of the said Collar shall be put and fastened, the Image of St. GEORGE, the which Collar, the said Sovereign, his Successor and amicable Company of the said Order, shall be bound to wear, and especially in principal and solemn Feasts of the Year. And in other Days of the Year shall be holden to wear a small Chain of Gold with the Image of St. GEORGE, depending at the End of the said Chain, except in Time of War, Sickness, long Voyage, then it shall suffice him to wear alone, a Lace of Silk, with the said Image of St. GEORGE. And if the said Collar have any Need of Reparation, it may be put into the Hand of the Goldsmith and Workman, unto the Time that it be repaired, the which Collar also may not be made more richer with stones, or other Things, reserving the said Image, the which may be garnished and enriched at the Pleasure of the said Knight. Also the said Collar may not be sold, engaged, aliened, or given, for any Need, Cause, or Necessity, whatsoever it be.

The Collar to be worn on principal and solemn Feasts, and at other Times a small Chain of Gold with the Image of St. GEORGE appendent, or a Lace of Silk, with the said Image.

The Collar not to be sold, engaged, aliened, or given.

THE OATH.

You being chosen to be one of the honourable Com-

The OATH.

pany of the most noble Order of the GARTER, shall promise and swear, by the holy Evangelists, by you here touched, that wittingly or willingly, you shall not break any Statute of the said Order, or any Article in them contained, the same being agreeable, and not repugnant to the Laws of Almighty God, and the Laws of this Realm, as farforth as to you belongeth and appertaineth, so God help you, and his holy Word.

K. PHILIP and Q. MARY.

Chapter, 5th
Aug. 1st and
2d Phil. and
Mary, 1554,
all Acts and
Decrees re-
pugnant to
the ancient
Orders and
Statutes
were abo-
lished.

AT a Chapter holden at Windsor the Fifth August, the 1st and 2d Philip and Mary, the King's Highness being present, it was then enacted and decreed, by the Consent of all the most noble Companions of the most noble and honourable Order, then being present, that all the Acts and Decrees being written in divers Places of the great Book of the most honourable Order, which were repugnant and disagreeable, either with the ancient Orders and Statutes of the honourable Order, or else with the Laws of the Realm, should clearly be abolished and taken

away, by the most noble and worthy the Marquis of Winchester, the Earls of Arundel and Pembroke, and the Lord Pagett. And the same Day it was also ordained and enacted, the same Admonitions which be given to foreign Princes and Knights, at their Admission to the noble Order, should henceforth, for ever, be given to every Knight and Subject of this Realm, at his first Admission and Stallation to the noble Order, and that there shall be no Difference in Ceremonies, or otherwise, amongst the noble Companions of this honourable Order, at their Investure or Admission to the same.

The same Admonitions which are given to Foreign Princes and Knights are to be given to KnightsSubjects.

ADMONITIONS

Upon putting on the GARTER.

To the Honour of God Omnipotent, and in Memorial of the blessed Martyr St. GEORGE, tye about thy Leg, for thy Renown, this most noble GARTER, wear it as the Symbol of the most illustrious Order never to be forgotten or laid aside, that thereby thou mayest be admonished to

ADMONITIONS upon putting on the GARTER.

be couragious and having undertaken a just War, into which only thou shalt be engaged, thou mayest stand firm, valiantly fight, couragiously and successfully conquer.

Upon putting on the COLLAR and

COLLAR, the same as for the GEORGE,

Upon putting on the GEORGE.

the GEORGE.

WEAR this Ribband about thy Neck, adorned with the Image of the blessed Martyr and Soldier of Christ, St. GEORGE, by whose Imitation provoked, thou mayest so overpass both prosperous and adverse Encounters, that having stoutly vanquished thine Enemies, both of Body and Soul, thou mayest not only receive the Praise of this transient Combat, but be crowned with the Palm of eternal Victory.

Upon putting on the SURCOAT.

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TAKE this Robe of Crimsen, to the Increase of your Honour, and in Token and Sign of the most honourable Order you have received, wherewith you being defended,

may be bold, not only strongly to fight, but also to offer yourself to shed your Blood for Christ's Faith, the Liberties of the Church, and the just and necessary Defence of them that be oppressed and needy.

Upon putting on the MANTLE.

RECEIVE this Robe of heavenly Colour, the Livery of this most excellent Order, in Augmentation of thine Honour, ennobled with the Shield and red Cross of our Lord, by whose Power thou mayest safely pierce Troops of thine Enemies, and be over them ever victorious, and being in this temporal Warfare glorious, in egregious and heroic Actions, thou mayest obtain eternal and triumphant Joy.

Upon putting on the MANTLE.

AT a Chapter holden at Westminster, the Ninth Day of October, the 1st and 2d of Philip and Mary, the King being present, it was ordained, that Sir William Peter, Chancellor of the Order of the GARTER, and all other succeeding him in that Office of the Chancellor, should

Chapter, 9th Oct. 1st and 2d Phil. and Mary, 1554, the Cognizance or Badge of the CHANCELLOR appointed.

wear for a Cognizance a Rose of Gold about their Neck, inclosed or compassed with the GARTER:

Chapter, 22d April, 2d and 3d Phil. and Mary, 1556, the Hood appointed to be worn on the right Shoulder.

AT a Chapter holden at St. James's, nigh to Westminster, the Twenty-second Day of April, the 2d and 3d Philip and Mary, it was decreed and enacted, that all the Lords of the honourable Order of the GARTER, should wear henceforth, their Hoods of the Right Shoulder, that the Cross being on the left Shoulder, might better be seen and appear, and that the accustomed Usage or Difference between the Clergy and Laity might be observed, the one Sort customably wearing their Hoods of the left Shoulder, and the other of the right Shoulder.

Chapter, 1st June, 4th & 5th Phil. and Mary, 1557, the REGISTER, GARTER, and BLACK ROD, appointed to wear Silk Mantles.

AT a Chapter held the First Day of June, the 4th and 5th of Philip and Mary, it was decreed, that the three Officers of the Order, viz. the Register, King of Arms (called the GARTER) and Black Rod, should wear at the Feast of St. GEORGE, and Chapters, a Silk Mantle, the Outside Crimsen Sattin, the Inside White Taffata, with the Ensign of St. GEORGE upon the left Shoulder, but

without the GARTER, and made with Tassels, in the same Manner as the Prelates and Chancellors.

Q. ELIZABETH.

AT a Chapter held the Twelfth January, in the First Year of Queen Elizabeth, it was ordained, that if any Man being a Gentleman in Name, Arms, and Blood, and descended of Gentlemen of three Descents, that is to say, of Father and Mother, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather, hath heretofore been convicted of high Treason, and after such Conviction be pardoned of the Sovereign, and restored in Blood, that every such Gentleman, in Name, Arms, and Blood, descended as is aforesaid, being otherwise qualified, according to the ancient Statutes of this noble Order, shall be from henceforth always accounted eligible, and may be chosen to be one of the Companions of this Order.

Chapter, 12th Jan. 1st Eliz. 1558-9, it was ordained, that a Gentleman, in Name, Arms, and Blood, having been convicted of High Treason, and pardoned and restored in Blood, shall be eligible to be a Knight of the Order.

AT a Chapter in the 4th Year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, it was agreed that all the Knights of the said

Chapter, 4th Eliz. 1561, Knights ordered to wear

their Collars
upon solemn
Feasts, and
the Days of
the Apostles
and Evange-
lists.

Order, wheresover they be, upon any solemn Feasts, as also upon all Apostles and Evangelists Days (which according to the Order of England, be kept holy) shall wear the Collars of the Order.

Chapter,
29th April,
7th Eliz.
1565, all
Knights-
Subjects ap-
pointed to be
installed in
the lowest
Stall accord-
ing to their
Election.

AT a Chapter holden the 7th Year of Queen Elizabeth, the 29th of April, being appointed then to be the Vigil of St. GEORGE, it was agreed, that whosoever should be chosen to this Degree of Honour, should take and be installed, in the lowest Stall, according to his Election, except Kings and Princes of a Foreign Nation.

Chapter,
24th April,
8th Eliz.
1566, the
Badges of
GARTER and
BLACK ROD
appointed.

AT a Chapter in the 8th Year of Queen Elizabeth, the Twenty-fourth of April, being the Day after St. GEORGE, it was agreed, that Garter King at Arms of the said Order, and they that shall succeed him in the said Office, shall wear in Sign of the said Order, the Arms of the Sovereign, within a Garter, and an Imperial Crown on the same, and likewise the Usher of the said Order shall wear a Knot within a Garter, which Knot is joined with the Rose in the Collar.

AT a Chapter in the 9th Year of Queen Elizabeth, the Day of St. GEORGE, for certain great Causes, it was ordained, that if the Feast was not celebrated at Windsor, the Day and Even of St. GEORGE, as hath been accustomed, it should suffice, that the Observation thereof should be kept in what Place that the Sovereign were at that present, whereas the rest of the Knights and Companions should be holden no less to be present, as though the Feast were to be celebrated at Windsor. And further, that no other Celebration, in the Name of the Feast of St. GEORGE, should, from henceforth, be solemnized and kept at Windsor, except the Installation of some noble Personage, at the Commandment of the Sovereign.

Chapter,
St. GEORGE's
Day, 9th
Eliz. 1567,
the Feast of
St. GEORGE
appointed to
be observed
where the
SOVEREIGN
shall be at
that time,
and no other
Celebration,
in the name
of the Feast
of St.
GEORGE, to
be solemn-
ized at
Windsor,
except at an
Installation.

AT a Chapter in the 13th Year of Queen Elizabeth, on the Day after St. GEORGE, it was concluded and agreed, that the Knights of the same most noble Order, shall go above all other Knights, and in the low Parliament House, shall sit above all other Degrees, within the said House, next unto the Treasurer and Comptroller of her Majesty's Household, bearing white Staves.

Chapter,
24th April,
13th Eliz.
1571, Pre-
cedency of
the Knights
of the Order
determined.

K. JAMES I.

Chapter,
19th May,
20th James,
1622, the
Ribband ap-
pointed to
be of a BLUE
Colour.

AT a Chapter held the Nineteenth Day of May, in the 20th Year of King James, WHEREAS the Colour of the Ribband had not been particularly expressed in any Article of the Statutes, and the blue of Sky Colour had been used for some Years past, it was decreed, that for the future it should always be of a blue Colour, and no other.

K. CHARLES I.

Chapter,
27th April,
2d of
Charles,
1626, an
Escutcheon
of St.
GEORGE, or
Star, ap-
pointed to be
worn by the
Knights.

AT a Chapter held the Twenty-seventh of April, in the 2d of King Charles, it was decreed, that from and after three Months next following, the Knights Companions, wheresoever they should be, not being in their Robes of the Order, should wear on the left Side of their Cloaks, Coats, Cassocks, an Escutcheon of St. GEORGE, that is to say, a red Cross within a Garter, but not enriched with precious Stones, that the wearing thereof might be a Testimony to the World, of the Honour they hold from the

said most noble Order, instituted and ordained for Persons of the highest Honour and greatest Worth.

At a Chapter, the Nineteenth of April, and 13th Year of King Charles, WHEREAS, according to the Statutes, no Person was eligible not being a Knight, it was declared, that this related only to his Majesty's Subjects, but not to Foreign Princes.

Chapter,
19th April,
13th of
Charles,
1637, Fo-
reign Prin-
ces, not
being
Knights,
may
be elected.

THAT all Legations to deliver the Order to Foreign Princes, all Commissions, Patents of Officers, and Fees, all Grants and Licences, to go out of the Kingdom, be sealed with the great Seal of the Order. And that all Letters concerning the Order, by Direction of the Sovereign, and wrote by the Chancellor, be sealed with the Signet of the Order.

Commissions
to deliver
the Order to
Foreign
Princes and
other Instru-
ments to be
under the
Great Seal,
and Letters
of the SOVE-
REIGN under
the Signet.

THAT both Seals be, henceforth, carried in a Purse of Blue Velvet, embroidered with the Sovereign's Arms, before the Sovereign, when he wears the Habit of the Order.

The Seals to
be carried in
a Purse be-
fore the SO-
VEREIGN.

The Right of
GARTER
King of
Arms to
carry the
Ensigns of
the Order to
Foreign
Princes ac-
knowledged.

Instructions
relating to
the delivery.

AND because that the carrying the Ensigns of the Order to Foreign Princes did properly belong to GARTER King of Arms, it was ordained, that as well he, as all others whom the Sovereign should please to join with him, should religiously observe, that they deliver not the Ensigns of the Order into the Hands of any such Prince, till they are fully satisfied, and have his Letters Patent under Seal, of his kind and gratefull Acceptance thereof, which he is to bring back and produce to the Sovereign.

The Ensigns
to be return-
ed to the
SOVEREIGN
after the
Death of the
Knight.

ALSO that the old Law be restored, whereby all Persons receiving the Order of the Sovereign do take care, that the Ensigns be returned to the Hands of the Sovereign after their Deaths.

K. CHARLES II.

Chapter,
14th Jan.
12th of
Charles II.
1660-1, the

AT a Chapter, held the Fourteenth of January, in the 12th Year of King Charles the Second, it was decreed,

that the Subjects of Foreign Princes should be installed by their Proxies, as well as the Princes themselves.

Foreign Princes and their Subjects to be installed by their Proxies.

At a Chapter, held the First of April, in the 13th Year of King Charles the Second, the Sovereign and Knights thinking it fit there should be some Under-habit, as well as Outer-habit of the Order, appointed for the Under-habit, a Cloth of Silver Doublet, or Vest, and Trunk Hose, from that Time to be constantly used.

Chapter, 1st April, 13th of Charles II. 1661, Under-habit appointed to be worn.

At a Chapter, held the Nineteenth Day of November, in the 21st Year of King Charles the Second, it was decreed, first, that the Prince of Wales, and such Emperors and Kings, that should be of the Order, should be placed in the nearest Stalls to that of the Sovereign, according to their Elections and Installations. Second, That all other Sovereign Princes, and Princes of the Blood, should be placed in Stalls next unto Kings, according to the Priority of their Elections. Third, That all Companions, Subjects or Strangers, not of the Dignity above-mention-

Chapter, 19th Nov. 21st of Charles II. 1669, Regulation of the Stalls.

ed, should be installed in the lowest Stalls, so as they might be translated to the higher Stalls, according to Seniority in the Order, and the ancient Practice.

Chapter, 4th
Feb. 22d of
Charles II.
1669-70, the
Achievements not to
be placed in
the Chapel
of Windsor
until the Installation
Fees be paid.

AT a Chapter, held the Fourth Day of February, in the 22d Year of King Charles the Second, it was decreed, that no Hatchments of any Knight elect, should be placed in the Chapel of Windsor, before his Installation Fees be paid.

Chapter,
17th Dec.
24th of
Charles II.
1672, the
CHANCELLOR to encompass his
Arms with
the GARTER
in the same
manner as
the PRELATE.

AT a Chapter, held the Seventeenth Day of December, in the 24th Year of King Charles the Second, the Sovereign decreed, the Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellor of the Order, might encompass his Arms with the GARTER, in the same Manner as used by the Bishop of Winchester, Prelate of the Order.

Chapter,
30th July
33d of
Charles II.
1681, the
Ribband to
be worn over
the left
Shoulders.

AT a Chapter, held the Thirtieth Day of July, in the 33d Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, it was decreed, that the Ribband, with the GEORGE, should

be worn over the Upper-Habit, Beltways, over the left Shoulder, and under the Right Arm, in such Manner, as might best be seen.

K. JAMES II.

At a Chapter, held the Eighteenth Day of June, in the First Year of King James the Second, it was ordained, that the Prelate, for his Badge, should have St. GEORGE, on Horseback, killing the Dragon, of Gold enamelled, incompassed with the GARTER, and over it an Episcopal Mitre. And that the Register should have two silver Pens, cross-wise, made of Gold, enamelled, and encompassed with the GARTER.

Chapter,
18th June,
1st James II.
1685,
Badges of
the PRELATE
and the
REGISTER.

K. GEORGE II

GEORGE R.

GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith,

Ordinance,
30th June,
1749, for an
addition to

the Oath administered to the Knights at their Installation.

and Sovereign of the most noble Order of the GARTER, To all, and singular, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting, WHEREAS it hath been represented to us, on the Part of the Knights Companions of our most noble Order of the GARTER, that many Objections and Difficulties, and Diversity of Opinion, hath arisen, concerning certain Articles, in the Statutes and Ordinances of our said most noble Order.

AND whereas it hath been most humbly requested of us, that by Virtue of our Sovereign Power in this Behalf, we would decree and order, that in the Oath to be administered to all the Knights of our said most noble Order, at their Installation, immediately after the Words, “wittingly and willingly, you shall not break any Statute of the said Order, or any Article in them contained,” the Words following may be added, viz. “except in such, from which you shall have received a Dispensation from the Sovereign.” WE having maturely considered the said Objections and Difficulties, and the Matter of the said Request, have thought fit graciously to conde-

scend thereto. And do hereby order and decree, that in the Oath to be administred to the Knights of our said most noble Order, at their Installation, you do insert these Words accordingly.

GIVEN at our Court at Kensington,
this Thirtieth Day of June, in the
Year of our Lord One Thousand
Seven Hundred and Forty-nine, and
in the 23d Year of our Reign.

By the Sovereign's Command.

J. SARUM, C. Gar.

To the Reverend the Dean
of Windsor, Register of
our said Order.

Chapter,
2d June
1786.

At a Chapter, held at St. James's, on the 2d Day of June, 1786, the following Statute, read by the Chancellor of the Order, was added.

GEORGE R.

(L. S.)

Statute ordaining that the Order shall consist of the SOVEREIGN and Twenty-five Knights, together with such Sons of the SOVEREIGN as have been, or shall be, elected.

WHEREAS, by the ancient Statutes of the most noble Order of the Garter, it is provided, that the Number of Knights or Companions of the same, shall consist of the Sovereign and Twenty-five Persons distinguished by their Birth and Services : AND WHEREAS the said Statutes have occasionally been revised, altered, and added to, by our Royal Predecessors ; WE, THE SOVEREIGN of the said Order, following their Examples, and taking into Consideration the Changes which Time and Variation of Circumstances render necessary in all Institutions of this Kind, do hereby command and enjoin, that the Sons of Us, or our Successors, Knights and Companions of the said most noble Order, shall not be considered as included in the aforesaid Number of Twenty-five ; but that the said most

noble Order shall, in future, consist of the Sovereign, and Twenty-five Knights or Companions, together with such of the Sons of Us or Our Successors as have been elected, or shall be elected into the same.

Given at Our Court at St. James's,
under Our Sign Manual, and Signet
of Our said Order, the 31st Day of
May, 1786, in the Twenty-sixth
Year of Our Reign.

By the Sovereign's Command,
J. SARUM, C. G.

At a Chapter, held at St. James's, on the 17th Day of
January, 1805, the following Statute, read by the Register of the Order, in the Absence of the Chancellor, was added :

Chapter,
17 Jan. 1805.

GEORGE R.

(L. S.)

WE, THE SOVEREIGN of the most noble Order of the Garter, do hereby command and enjoin, that the said Order

Statute,
dated 10th
Jan. 1805,
ordaining,

that the Order shall consist of the SOYERIGN and Twenty-five Knights, together with such lineal Descendants of King GEORGE II. as have been, and may be, elected; always excepting the Prince of WALES.

shall henceforth consist of the Sovereign and Twenty-five Knights Companions, together with such lineal Descendants of the late Sovereign, King George the Second, as shall have been elected, and may hereafter be elected, into the same: Always excepting the Prince of Wales, who is a constituent Part of the original Institution.

GIVEN at Our Court at Windsor Castle,
under Our Sign Manual, and Signet of
Our said Order, the 10th Day of January, 1805, in the Forty-fifth Year of
Our Reign.

By the Sovereign's Command,

J. SARUM, C. G.

On St. George's Day, 1805, the following Statute was read by the Register of the Order, in the Absence of the Chancellor, in the Chapter House of St. George's Chapel, at Windsor, previously to the Installation :

GEORGE R.

(L. S.)

WE, THE SOVEREIGN of the most noble Order of the Garter, do hereby decree, that the Sons of the Sovereign, and such Princes of the Blood as are and may hereafter be of the Order, shall be placed, according to their Rank, in the Stalls nearest to that of the Sovereign ; That Emperors and Kings shall be placed, according to their Elections and Installations, in the Stalls next to those of the Blood Royal ; That Sovereign Princes shall be placed immediately after Emperors and Kings, according to the same Rule of Election and Installation ; and that all other the Knights Companions, Subjects and Strangers, not of the Dignity abovementioned, shall be installed in the lowest Stalls, so that they may be translated to the higher, ac-

Chapter, St.
GEORGE'S
Day, 1805.

Statute for
regulating
the Stalls.

ording to their Seniority in the Order, and the ancient Practice of the same.

Given at Our Court at Windsor Castle,
under Our Sign Manual, and Signet
of Our said Order, the 2d Day of Fe-
bruary, 1805, in the Forty-fifth Year
of Our Reign.

By the Sovereign's Command,
J. SARUM, C. G.

Chapter,
27th July,
1813.

At a Chapter, held at Carlton House, on the 27th Day
of July, 1813, the following Statute, read by the
Chancellor, was added :

In the Name and on the Behalf of the Sovereign.

GEORGE P. R.

(L. S.)

Recital of
the Statute
of the 10th
Jan. 1805.

WHEREAS, by the Statutes of the most noble Order of
the Garter, it is provided that the said Order shall consist

of The Sovereign and Twenty-five Knights Companions, together with such lineal Descendants of King George the Second as shall have been elected, and may hereafter be elected, into the same, always excepting the Prince of Wales who is a constituent Part of the original Institution ; WE, the Sovereign of the said most noble Order, taking, nevertheless, into our Royal Consideration, the Magnanimity, and the many other transcendant and heroic Qualities which distinguish Our Good Brother, ALEXANDER, Emperor and Autocrator of all the Russias ; the high Friendship and close Alliance happily subsisting between Us ; and the glorious Efforts of His Imperial Majesty for the Deliverance and Welfare of the Continent of Europe ; Do, hereby, in virtue of the Power and Authority inherent in Us, as Sovereign, dispense with the said Statutes, in as far as may be required for the especial Purpose hereinafter mentioned ; and Do decree, ordain, and enjoin, that the Knights Companions, in Chapter assembled, may forthwith proceed to the Election of the said Emperor into Our said most noble

Decree for
the Election
of the Em-
peror of all
the Russias
into the
Order.

Order ; any Statute, Decree, Rule, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Our Court at Carlton House,
under the Signet of Our said Order,
the 27th Day of July, 1813, in the
Fifty-third Year of Our Reign.

By the especial Command of His
Royal Highness The Prince Regent,
in the Name, and on the Behalf of
The Sovereign.

J. SARUM, C. G.

At a Chapter, held at Carlton House, on the 21st Day of April, 1814, the following Statute, read by the Chancellor, was added :

Chapter,
21st April,
1814.

In the Name and on the Behalf of the Sovereign.

GEORGE P. R.

(L. S.)

WHEREAS, by the Statutes of the most noble Order of the Garter, it is provided that the said Order shall consist of The Sovereign and Twenty-five Knights Companions, together with such lineal Descendants of King George the Second, as shall have been elected, and may hereafter be elected, into the same: Always excepting the Prince of Wales who is a constituent Part of the original Institution; WE, the Sovereign of the said most noble Order, taking, nevertheless, into Our Royal Consideration the Splendour which has ever surrounded the illustrious House of BOURBON, and particularly under the glorious and paternal Reign of King HENRY IV. one of the most worthy and most distinguished Knights Compa-

Recital of
the Statute
of the 10th
Jan. 1805.

Decree for
declaring the
King of
France and
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nions of this most noble Order and Ancestor of Our Good Brother His most Christian Majesty LEWIS the EIGHTEENTH, King of France and Navarre, whom his benignant and heroic Virtues assimilate so closely to that august Monarch ; and considering also the providential and auspicious Event of the happy Restoration of Our said Good Brother to his Throne, an Event hailed by all Europe, and especially by this United Kingdom ; Do, hereby, in virtue of the Power and Authority inherent in Us, as Sovereign, dispense with the said Statutes, in as far as may be required for the especial purpose hereinafter mentioned ; and do decree, ordain, and enjoin that the said King be declared elected a Knight of this most noble Order ; any Statute, Decree, Rule, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Our Court at Carlton House,
under the Signet of Our said Order,
the 21st Day of April, 1814, in the
Fifty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

By the especial Command of His
 Royal Highness The Prince Regent,
 in the Name, and on the Behalf of
 the Sovereign.

J. SARUM, C. G.

At a Chapter, held at Carlton House, on the 9th Day of
 June, 1814, the following Statutes, read by the Chan-
 cellor, were added :

Chapter,
 9th June,
 1814.

In the Name and on the Behalf of the Sovereign.

GEORGE P. R.

(L. S.)

WE, the Sovereign of the most noble Order of the
 Garter, having resolved to commemorate within the said
 most noble Order, the present brilliant Epocha in the
 History of Nations, when, through the providential and
 signal Interposition of the Almighty Disposer of Events,
 the Deliverance of the Continent of Europe from a Sys-

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 Emperor of
 Austria
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 Knight of
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tem inimical to the Repose, Freedom, and Happiness of Mankind hath been gloriously effected; and when the great and persevering Efforts of many Monarchs coalesced for this most important Object, seconded by the Zeal, Loyalty, and Valour of their Subjects, have conduced to a Peace, the Stability of which is assured by the Wisdom and Justice of its Foundations; and considering how eminently such a happy State of Affairs hath been promoted by the Magnanimity, personal Exertion, and Constancy displayed by Our Good Brother and illustrious Ally, FRANCIS, EMPEROR of AUSTRIA, KING of HUNGARY and BOHEMIA, in the powerful Co-operation of his Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty towards the common Cause, and until its final Triumph; We do, hereby, in virtue of the Power and Authority inherent in Us as Sovereign, dispense with all Statutes and Regulations observed within this most noble Order, in as far as may be required for the especial Purpose of admitting his said Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty into the Fellowship of the said Order; and do decree, ordain, and enjoin that the said Emperor be declared elected a Knight

of this most noble Order ; any Statute, Decree, Rule, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

WE, the Sovereign of the most noble Order of the Garter, taking into Our Royal Consideration the heroic Virtues, military Skill, and personal Intrepidity (the just Admiration of the whole of Germany), most conspicuously manifested by Our Good Brother and illustrious Ally, **FREDERICK-WILLIAM** the **THIRD**, **KING** of **PRUSSIA**, during the late momentous and arduous Contest, now auspiciously and happily terminated in the Blessing of Peace ; considering also the Friendship, Consanguinity, and close Alliance subsisting between our respective Royal Families, and the welcome and gracious Presence of his said Majesty in Our Realm ; We do, hereby, in virtue of the Power and Authority inherent in Us, as Sovereign, dispense with all Statutes and Regulations observed within this most noble Order, in as far as may be required for the especial Purpose of admitting his Prussian Majesty into the Fellowship of the said Order ; and do decree, ordain, and enjoin that the said King

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King of
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be declared elected a Knight of this most noble Order ; any Statute, Decree, Rule, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Statute for
declaring the
Earl of
Liverpool &
Viscount
Castlereagh
elected
Knights of
the Order.

WE, the Sovereign of the most noble Order of the Garter, reflecting with high Satisfaction upon the important Part which these Realms have borne in the late arduous and successful Contest, in order to rescue the Rights and Liberties of several of the States of Europe from a System incompatible with their Tranquillity and Welfare, and to establish their Independence upon the Bases of just Policy and solid Peace ; and feeling, moreover, assured, that for the Restoration of those Blessings, and for the Hope of future Prosperity, Europe is chiefly indebted to that Wisdom and Moderation which, governing the Councils of her Cabinets, have presided over the glorious Operations that have been crowned with such ample Success ; and We being desirous of evincing Our gracious Approbation of the distinguished and eminent Merits and Services manifested and rendered to Us and to the common Cause, by Our Right Trusty and Right

Well-beloved Cousin and Councillor ROBERT EARL OF LIVERPOOL, First Lord of Our Treasury, and by Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councillor SIR ROBERT STEWART, commonly called VISCOUNT CASTLEREAGH, our Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs ; We do, hereby, in virtue of the Power and Authority inherent in Us as Sovereign, dispense with all Statutes and Regulations observed within this most noble Order, and particularly with the Statute whereby the Number of the Knights Companions thereof is limited, in as far as may be required for the especial Purpose hereinafter mentioned ; and do decree, ordain, and enjoin, that the said ROBERT EARL OF LIVERPOOL, and the said SIR ROBERT STEWART, commonly called VISCOUNT CASTLEREAGH, be declared elected Knights of this noble Order ; any Statute, Decree, Rule, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Our Court at Carlton House,
under the Signet of Our said Order,
the 9th Day of June, 1814, in the
Fifty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

By the especial Command of His
Royal Highness The Prince Regent,
in the Name, and on the Behalf of
The Sovereign.

J. SARUM, C. G.

In the Name and on the Behalf of the Sovereign.

GEORGE P. R.

(L. S.)

Statute, or-
daining, that
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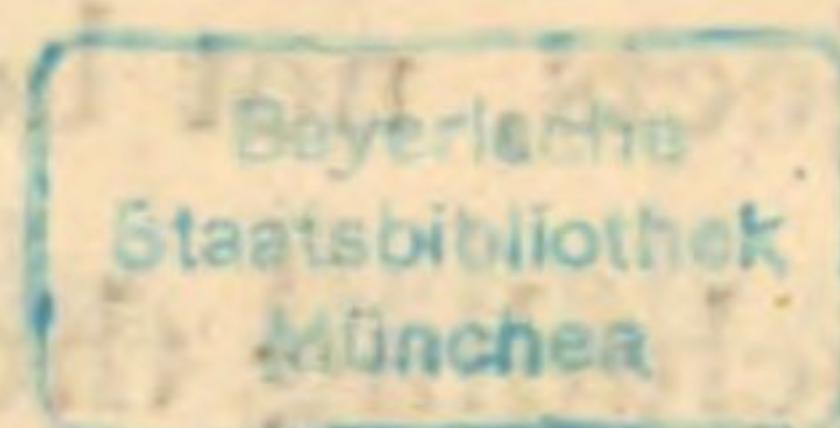
WHEREAS WE, the Sovereign of the most noble
Order of the Garter, did, in and by a Statute bearing
Date the Tenth Day of January 1805, command and
enjoin that the said Order should thenceforth consist of
The Sovereign and Twenty-five Knights Companions,
together with such lineal Descendants of the late Sove-
reign, King George the Second, as had been elected, and
might thereafter be elected into the same, always excepting
the Prince of Wales who is a constituent Part of the
original Institution : AND WHEREAS We have, in virtue
of the Power and Authority inherent in Us, thought fit,

for divers high Reasons and Considerations Us thereunto especially moving, to dispense with the said Statute, and to declare our faithful Subjects and Councillors, ROBERT EARL of LIVERPOOL, and SIR ROBERT STEWART, commonly called VISCOUNT CASTLEREAGH, to be Knights elected of Our said Order; thereby increasing the number of Knights-Subjects, not being of Our Blood Royal, to Twenty-seven, including the Prince of Wales; It is, nevertheless, Our Intent and Meaning, and We do hereby declare, that no further Election of any of Our Subjects, not being of Our Blood Royal, into Our said Order shall take place, until the Vacancy of a Stall of a Knight-Subject, not of Our Blood Royal, shall have happened subsequently to the Reduction of the Number of Knights-Subjects, not of Our Blood Royal, to the original Number of Twenty-five Knights Companions as aforesaid.

Given at Our Court at Carlton House,
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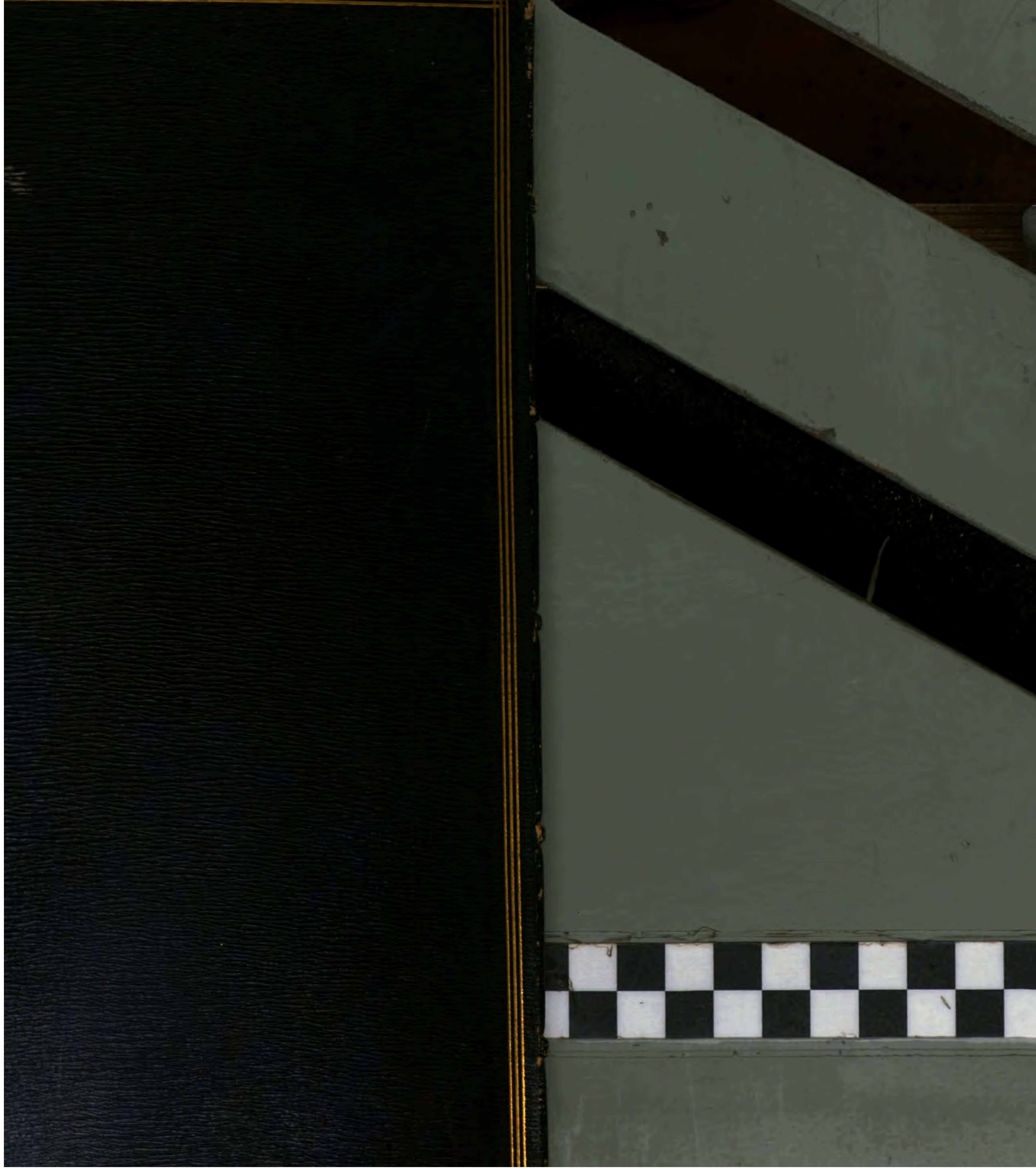
The report of the Board of Directors of the American Missionary Association for the year 1881, is a most interesting and valuable document. It contains a full and complete account of the work of the Association during the year, and is a most valuable source of information for those who are interested in the work of the Association. The report is divided into two parts, the first of which contains a general account of the work of the Association, and the second of which contains a detailed account of the work of the various departments of the Association. The report is written in a clear and concise style, and is a most valuable source of information for those who are interested in the work of the Association.

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